

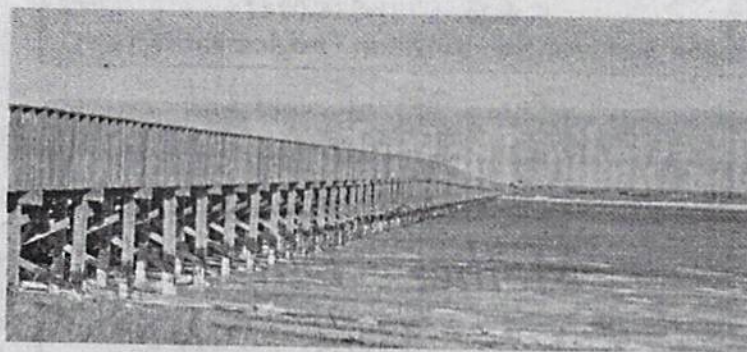
Bridge to reopen

Pending approval, Powder Point Bridge could reopen this weekend

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Nearly six months after it was closed, the Powder Point Bridge is likely to reopen by this weekend.

Department of Public Works director Peter Buttkus said the first round of repairs on the bridge has been completed and inspected by the state Department of Transportation, which load-tested the bridge after the repairs were completed. Buttkus said they are now waiting for a letter of approval to allow them to re-



open the bridge.

The bridge was closed in late October after a routine inspection, which showed accelerated deterioration of the wooden supports. Fiberglass jackets were placed on the

supports during the winter repair work.

Buttkus said the bridge could open any day now, but he is confident it will be open by this weekend.